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TO: SAC, Dallas

From: Direct FBI

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UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE  
REGARDING SENATOR FLOYD BENTSEN;  
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF  
18 USC 612  
ELECTION LAWS

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1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. Mintz  
(Attn: Mr. Bowers)

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated  
5/22/75, along with 2 copies of each of its enclosures.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of  
Section \_\_\_\_\_, Volume \_\_\_\_\_, Manual of Instructions, and surep within  
days of the receipt of this communication. 10

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results  
of a ☐ limited investigation and underscore the word ☐ limited  
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☐ all persons interviewed  
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being  
conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

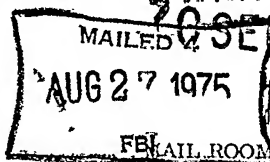
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Airtel to SAC, DL  
RE: UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE  
REGARDING SENATOR FLOYD BENTSEN

NOTE: Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, requests certain limited investigation regarding a possible violation of T18, USC, Section 612, which prohibits publication or distribution of political statements concerning candidates for Federal office without identifying those responsible for the publication or distribution.

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This Departmental request is based upon a complaint received from Roy Orr, a county commissioner in Texas. Orr alleges that "invitations" were distributed which were fictitious and offended those present, namely black residents of Dallas, at a discussion group in Dallas. (A copy of the invitation is attached.) Orr states that [redacted] for "The Dallas Times Herald" advised [redacted] telephoned him several days prior and read the invitation verbatim. Orr also states [redacted] for the "Dallas Morning News" reported to him essentially the same information.

The Department requests that Roy Orr be interviewed for full details. Department also requests that the addresses of [redacted] and [redacted] be obtained from Orr and if it can be shown by Orr that any of these 3 individuals possessed any knowledge re this matter, they should also be interviewed regarding the circumstances involved in the printing and distribution of this "invitation."

This instructs DL to conduct the requested investigation.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: August 22, 1975

FROM : Richard L. Thornburgh  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

RLT:WTB:RBM:ph  
72-73-0

SUBJECT: Unattributed campaign literature regarding Senator Floyd Bentsen:  
Possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 612.

On August 7, 1975, the Criminal Division received information from Mr. Roy Orr regarding a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 612 involving the distribution, and reported mailing of pamphlets purporting to be "invitations" to attend a function hosted by Mr. Orr at which Senator Bentsen, a declared candidate for the Presidency, was to speak. A copy of Mr. Orr's letter to the Department and of the pamphlet here involved are attached.

In order to assist this Division to determine whether a violation of Federal law has occurred, the Bureau is requested to interview the complainant, Roy Orr, [redacted]

[redacted] regarding his entire knowledge concerning this matter. During this interview the Bureau is requested to obtain any information Orr has which would prove that the "invitation" involved was distributed through the mails.

The Bureau is also requested to obtain from Mr. Orr the addresses of: [redacted] for the Dallas Times Herald; [redacted] for the Dallas Morning News, and [redacted] If it can be shown by Mr. Orr that any or all of these three individuals possess any knowledge relevant to this matter, it is requested that the individual or individuals also be interviewed regarding the circumstances involved in the printing and distribution of this "invitation."

Attachment



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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ROY ORR

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 4

DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

July 31, 1975

CRIMINAL DIVISION

AUG 11 1975

Received Fraud Section

Mr. John Keeney  
Assistant United States Attorney General, Acting  
Criminal Division  
Department of Justice  
9th and Constitution  
Washington, D. C. 20530

RE: Section 612, Federal Election Campaign Law  
USCA Statutes Title 18, Page 82 of pocket parts.

Dear General Keeney:

A situation occurred in Dallas, Texas, recently which I feel deserves the close scrutiny of your office. The circumstances: At a regular meeting of a discussion group in Dallas to which I invited United States Senator Lloyd Bentsen, some one gave to me a handbill (a copy is attached for your inspection). This "invitation" was fictitious, reportedly sent through the United States Mail, and certainly offended those present, mainly black residents of Dallas. This incident occurred July 19, 1975 in Dallas.

According to [redacted] for the Dallas Times Herald, [redacted] telephoned him several days prior to July 19th and read the invitation verbatim. [redacted] for the Dallas Morning News reported to me essentially the same information.

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I enclose also for your information, a copy of the actual invitation that I mailed to members of the discussion group.

Please accept this letter as an official request for action or investigation by your department, should you have jurisdiction. In the event you take no action, please let me know the reasons.

Sincerely,

  
ROY ORR, Commissioner  
Dallas County District 4

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

WATERMELONS -- BANANAS -- BALLONS -- PUNCH -- COFFEE -- COOKIES

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A RECEPTION HONORING OUR NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN AT 11:00 SATURDAY MORNING AT THE SHERATON-KIEST HOTEL, JULY 19, 1975. Hosted by COUNTY COMMISSIONER ROY ORR.

AS YOU KNOW, I FORMERALLY SUPPORTED GOV. WALLACE UNTIL I HEARD LLOYD BENTSEN. I KNOW THAT AFTER YOU HEAR HIM YOU WILL FEEL AS I DO.

PLEASE ATTEND AS WE WILL ALSO HAVE A DRAWING FOR SIDE OF BEEF OR A HALF OF HOG.

SEE YOU AT THE RECEPTION.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>DALLAS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>DALLAS</b>	DATE <b>9/8/75</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/29 - 9/8/75</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE REGARDING SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>mam</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF 18 USC 612 ELECTION LAWS</b>	

Title changed to reflect correct spelling of Senator BENTSEN, previously carried as FLOYD. *BENTSEN*

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Dallas 8/27/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Only one Agent was used as only one Agent was available.

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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COPIES MADE:

- ② - Bureau  
1 - USA, Fort Worth  
2 - Dallas (56-203)

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Attempts to locate and interview Commissioner ROY ORR were delayed until 9/5/75 due to Mr. ORR's schedule. Therefore, the ten day deadline could not be met. UACB Dallas will submit a closing report on or before 9/18/75. This date is chosen inasmuch as the Case Agent is scheduled to work with a Departmental Attorney on a Discrimination in Housing case on 8-9, 10 and possibly 11, 1975.

LEADS

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Will interview [redacted]  
[redacted] Channel 13; [redacted] Dallas  
Morning News; [redacted], Dallas Times Herald; [redacted] and  
[redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 9/8/75

ROY ORR, Commissioner, Dallas County District 4,  
furnished the following signed statement:

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Interviewed on 9/5/75 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 56-203

by SA  man Date dictated 9/8/75



September 5, 1975  
Dallas, Texas

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I, Roy Orr, Commissioner, Dallas County District 4, Dallas, Texas, make the following free and voluntary statement to  who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize that anything I say may be used in a court of law.

About once every four to six weeks I hold an Advisory Committee meeting. This is a meeting which consists of between 40 to 75 black Dallas County citizens who discuss certain aspects of government in Dallas County in addition to discussing any complaints or other matters at hand.

On July 19, 1975, I sent out approximately 100 invitations concerning an Advisory Committee meeting. Among the guests was to be United States Senator Lloyd Bentsen. The majority of these invitations were sent to black citizens.

About two or three days prior to the meeting, several friends who did not get an invitation, called about an invitation they had received concerning Senator Bentsen's visit. This invitation alleged that I was to host the gathering and was derogatory in wording to blacks in general, utilizing such words, among others, as "free watermelon and bananas" and stated that there would be a drawing for a "free side of beef" or a "half of hog."

I did not see a copy of this invitation until our meeting on July 19, 1975. At the July 19, meeting, [redacted] from Channel 13 TV in Dallas displayed a copy of this invitation for my inspection. At that time I made photo copies from her original.

[redacted] for the Dallas Times Herald and

[redacted] for the Dallas Morning News also questioned me concerning the invitation. When I asked them how they knew about it they said [redacted] of

[redacted] Texas had contacted them by phone and read the invitation to them. [redacted] does not agree with me on certain aspects and has disagreed with me in public on several matters.

"I have read this two page statement and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Roy Orr  
9/5/75

"Witnessed: [redacted] SA, FBI, 9/5/75."

Mr. ORR further advised that a couple he knows, [redacted] of [redacted] Texas, have told him that they know who sent the invitation. Also, he was told by [redacted] (Channel 13), that she has knowledge of the incident.

As to [redacted] Mr. ORR said that [redacted] could best be described as a political opportunist. He is pro GEORGE WALLACE, but on occasions, has embarrassed WALLACE. Mr. ORR said that the irritation between [redacted] and himself started in [redacted] [redacted] who was seeking [redacted]

Mr. ORR then made available a copy of the invitation he sent out regarding the July 19, 1975, invitation and a copy of the derogatory invitation in question. These documents are attached hereto.

*Sent to*



*List 7-7-75.*

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*HEADS UP! There's going to be a reception.*

*The occasion: A reception honoring the  
Discussion Group.*

*The time: Saturday, July 19 at 11:30a.m.*

*The place: The Sheraton-Kiest Inn  
Kiest & Hwy. 67.*

*Our special guests will be Senator Lloyd Bentsen,  
Mrs. Eddie Bernice Johnson, and Tiger Teague.  
Please feel free to bring your friends.*

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SEE YOU AT THE RECEPTION.

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Date: 9/11/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (56-203) (P)

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b6SUBJECT: UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE  
REGARDING SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN;  
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF 18 USC 612  
ELECTION LAWSReference Bureau letter to Dallas 8/27/75, Dallas  
report of SA [redacted] 9/8/75 and Dallas telephone  
call to Bureau Supervisor [redacted] 9/10/75.Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM  
re captioned matter. One copy is being furnished to the  
USA, Fort Worth, Texas.Inasmuch as details of the LHM indicating violation  
would be present only if the derogatory information was  
aimed at Senator Bentsen not Commissioner Orr who is a local  
politician, the Bureau is requested to contact Department  
of Justice to determine an interpretation of the derogatory  
invitation. UACB, Dallas will maintain this matter in a  
pending status but will conduct no investigation pending  
instructions from the Bureau.(2) - Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2 - Dallas

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas  
September 10, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE  
REGARDING SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN;  
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. 612  
ELECTION LAWS

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Title 18, Section 612, United States Code, (Election Laws) states in part "...any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek the office of President, or Vice President of the United States, or Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner in Congress, in primary, general, or special election, or convention of a political party, or has caused or permitted his intention to do so to be publicly declared..." is an element of the violation.

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas, report by Special Agent [redacted] dated September 8, 1975, sets forth on Page 7 a copy of the "invitation" which allegedly violates the statute. This document refers to a July 19, 1975, reception for which Commissioner Roy Orr sent out invitations. The anonymous invitation which contains words derogatory in nature to black citizens could be directed to Commissioner Orr or Senator Bentsen. Since the legitimate invitation was sent out by mail with Mr. Orr's return address, it might appear that the slur is aimed more at Mr. Orr rather than Mr. Bentsen.

[redacted], Commissioner Orr's [redacted] [redacted], advised that Mr. Orr has been in telephonic contact with [redacted], who told him that [redacted] told by [redacted] that she had sent the "invitation" out. [redacted] is presently [redacted] in Dallas due to recent decision of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



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UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE  
REGARDING SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN

On September 10, 1975, Mr. Orr stated that it was, in fact, Senator Bentsen's office that requested that he call the Dallas FBI as Mr. Bentsen felt that the derogatory wording was aimed at him rather than at Mr. Orr.

Set forth are the telephone numbers and addresses for the individuals mentioned in Departmental letter to the Director, FBI, on August 22, 1975:

[REDACTED]

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Telephone Numbers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dallas Morning News  
Communications Center  
Young and Houston Streets  
Dallas, Texas  
Telephone Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dallas Times Herald  
Herald Square  
Dallas, Texas  
Telephone Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Television Channel 13  
3000 Harry Hines Boulevard  
Dallas, Texas  
Telephone Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was added to the list of names in view of information furnished during Mr. Orr's interview.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*File Copy*

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

DATE: September 18, 1975

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE  
REGARDING SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN;  
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF 18 USC 612  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 8/22/75  
(your file RLT:WTB:RBM:ph ) 72-73-0

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent   
dated 9/8/75 at Dallas

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☒ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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**NOTE:** Also attached is a copy of a letterhead memorandum from our Dallas Office dated 9/10/75.

Reference is made to a conversation between Departmental Attorney  and SA  on 9/17/75 wherein  advised he would review the results of the enclosed material to determine if any additional investigation is warranted.

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Date: 10/31/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (56-203) (C)

SUBJECT: UNATTRIBUTED CAMPAIGN LETTER  
REGARDING SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN;  
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TITLE 18,  
USC, SECTION 612, ELECTION LAW

Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 9/11/75.

UACB, Dallas is placing this case in a closed status.

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Special Agent in Charge

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